

**REMARKS**

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Claims 15, 18, 21, 24, 28, 31, 34 and 36 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-14, 16-17, 19-20, 23, 26-27, 29-30, 32-33 and 35 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 15, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 31, 34 and 36 are again presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because reference numeral 22 (FIG. 1) was not mentioned in the description. Paragraph 0037 has been amended to include a reference to RAM 22. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn. Additionally, paragraph 0051 has been amended to correctly refer to reference character 33C. No new matter has been added by either of these amendments.

The Examiner objected to claims 15, 18, 21-22, 24-25, 28, 31, 34 and 36 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 15, 18, 21, 24, 28, 31, 34 and 36 have been rewritten in independent form, and include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 22 and 25 depend from rewritten claims 21 and 24, respectively. In view of the above, applicants respectfully submit that claims 15, 18, 21-22, 24-25, 28, 31, 34 and 36 are in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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